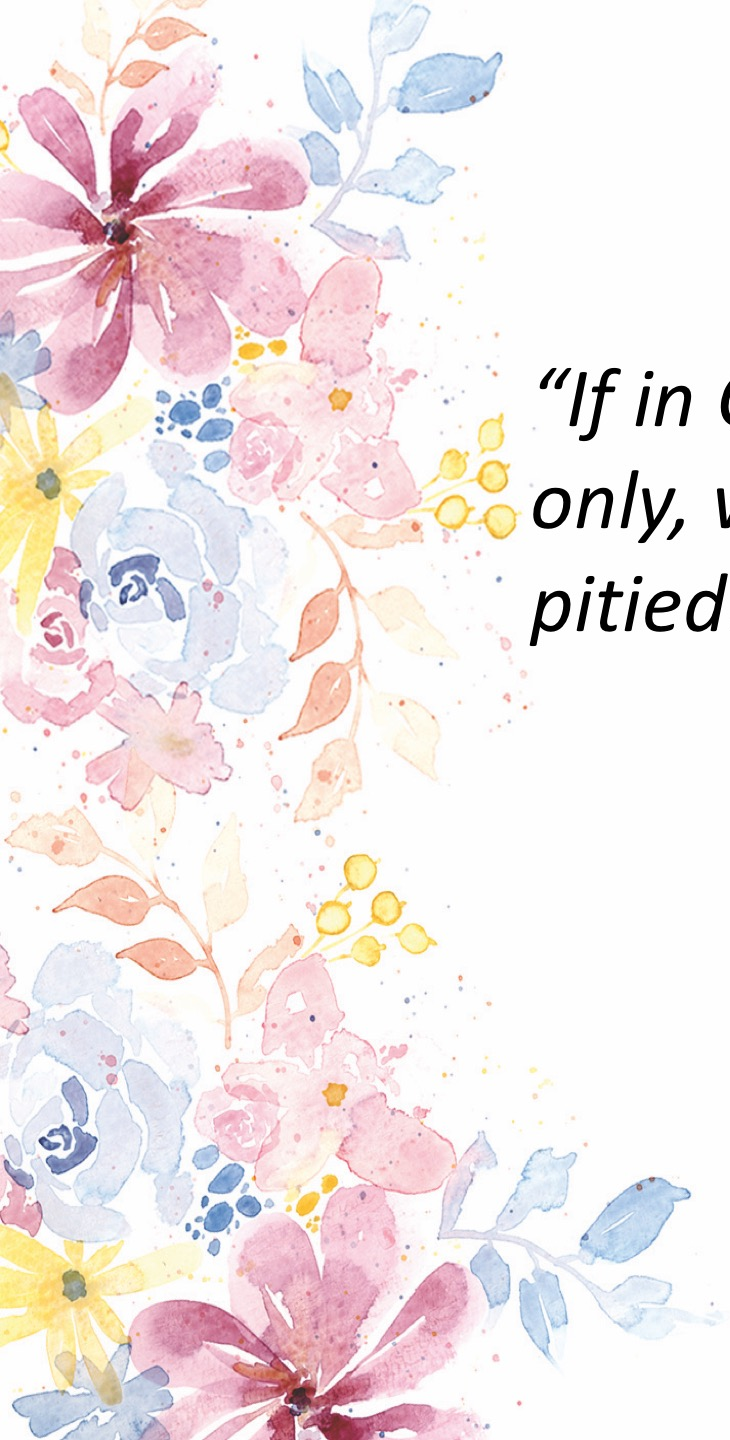




"The Emperor's New Clothes"
Vilhelm Pedersen
(1820 - 1859)

A watercolor illustration of various flowers and leaves in shades of pink, purple, blue, and yellow, located on the left side of the image. The flowers are rendered with soft, blended colors and some small yellow dots scattered around them.

*“If in Christ we have hope in this life
only, we are of all people most to be
pitied.”*

1 Corinthians 15:19



Embrace the “folly”



Officer Clemmons and Mister Rogers
1969



“The icon Fred Rogers not only was showing my brown skin in the tub with his white skin as two friends, but as I was getting out of that tub, he was helping me dry my feet.”



Stephen Pinker

Few sophisticated people today profess a belief in heaven and hell, the literal truth of the Bible, or a God who flouts the laws of physics. . . .To take something on faith means to believe it without good reason, so by definition a faith in the existence of supernatural entities clashes with reason. . . .



Stephen Pinker

If we want to make the world a better place we have to figure out how to do it ourselves. . . .If you're going to count on God to make the world a better place, then you're probably going to make the world a worse place.



Alain de Botton

I love the concept of original sin, the idea that we're all fundamentally broken and fundamentally incomplete. . .because it seems to be such a useful starting point. You know, if you imagine a relationship in which two people think they're great—you know, perfect—that's going to lead to intolerance and terrible disappointment when they realize that they're not great, they're not perfect.



Alain de Botton

Whereas imagine a relationship that begins under the idea that two people are quite broken and therefore they need forgiveness from the other and they need to apply charity to the other and they need to forgive the other, and so that seems a much better starting point.

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1 Corinthians 1: 26

*For consider your calling, brothers:
not many of you were wise
according to worldly standards, not
many were powerful, not many
were of noble birth.*

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1 Corinthians 1:27-28

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are. . . .



Chris Arnade



Photos: Chris Arnade



Chris Arnade

They have their faith because what they believe in doesn't judge them. Who am I to tell them that what they believe is irrational? . . . I cannot tell them that there is nothing beyond this physical life. It would be cruel and pointless.



Chris Arnade

In these last three years, out from behind my computers, I have been reminded that life is not rational and that everyone makes mistakes. Or, in Biblical terms, we are all sinners. We are all sinners. On the streets the addicts, with their daily battles and proximity to death, have come to understand this viscerally.



Chris Arnade

Many successful people don't. Their sense of entitlement and emotional distance has numbed their understanding of our fallibility. Soon I saw my atheism for what it is: an intellectual belief most accessible to those who have done well.

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1 Corinthians 1:28-29

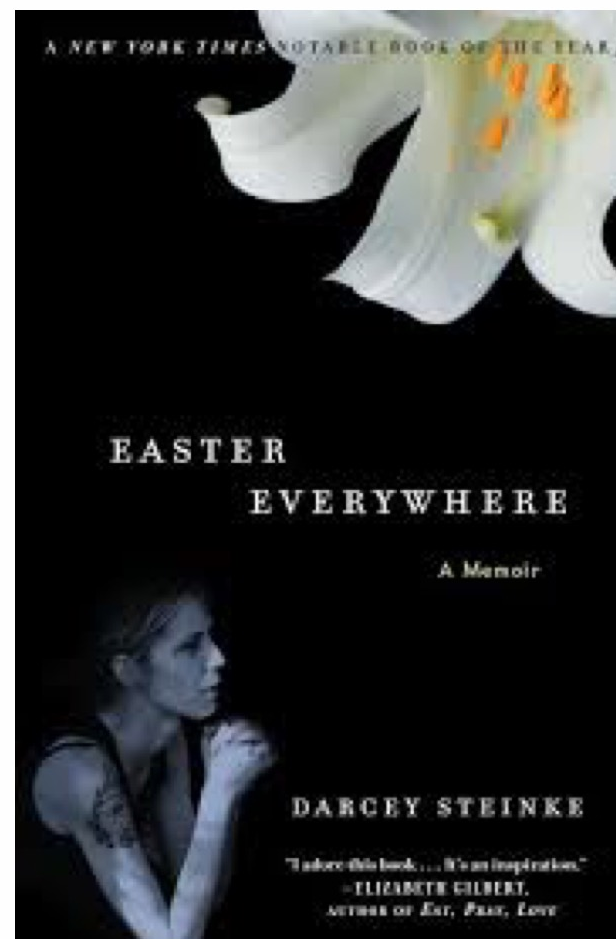
God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.



Faye Dunaway, March 29th, 1977
Beverly Hills Hotel
Photo: Terry O'Neill



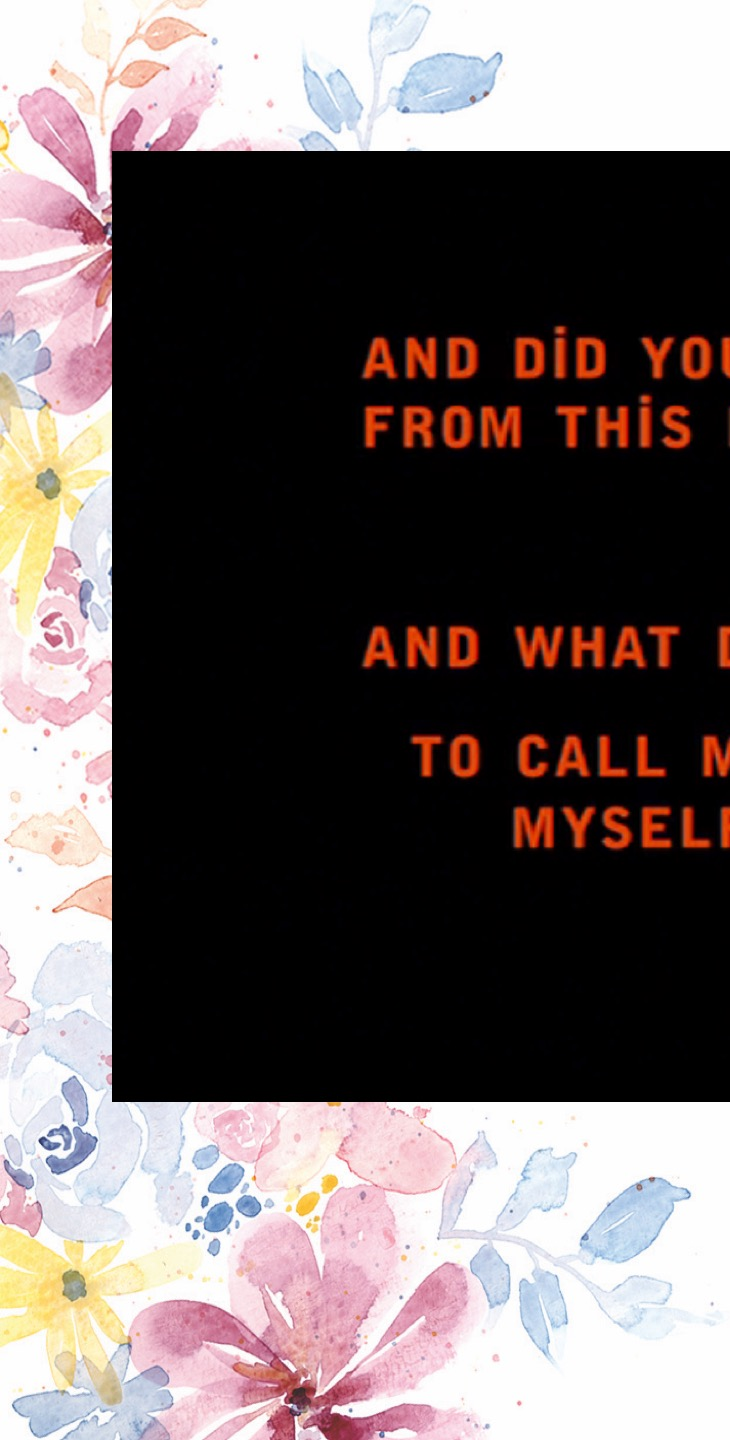
Darcey Steinke





Simone Weil

One has only the choice between God and idolatry. If one denies God ... one is worshiping some things of this world in the belief that one sees them only as such, but in fact, though unknown to oneself imagining the attributes of Divinity in them.

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**AND DID YOU GET WHAT YOU WANTED
FROM THIS LIFE, EVEN SO?**

i did.

AND WHAT DID YOU WANT?

**TO CALL MYSELF BELOVED, TO FEEL
MYSELF BELOVED ON THE EARTH.**

(RAYMOND CARVER, LATE FRAGMENT)

From *Birdman* (2014)



Paris,
Wednesday



Arnaud Beltrame



Sgt. Joe Serna



Judge Lou Olivera



“...you were bought with a price. . .”